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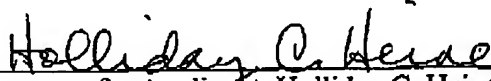
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In re application : KLAUS UNSICKER ET AL.  
Application No. : 10/009,431  
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For : NEUROPROTECTIVE PROPERTIES OF GDF-15, A  
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Sir:

It is requested that the time for response to the Official  
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1.136. The fee of \$60.00 called for by Section 1.17 is to be  
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Small Entity Status is entitled to be, and hereby is asserted for this application.

This petition and the fee anticipate applicant's CONTINUATION APPLICATION which is being filed in response to the Official Action.

Respectfully submitted,

KLAUS UNSICKER ET AL.

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